

## **ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

The Artist-in-Residency (AIR) program at Arkansas Tech University is an immersive experience within an art and educational community. AIR is a program intended to advance the careers of practicing artists, present the residents as role models for the ATU community, and to strengthen the public's awareness toward the significance of making art and its effect on the surrounding community. The residency will take place over a 5 month period giving the artist time and space to focus on the creative process. The AIR program for 2023 will select an artist 2D or 3D to create and outdoor artwork to enhance the entrance to the Norman Hall art building on the ATU campus.

The AIR program is supported by a generous grant from the Windgate Charitable Foundation.

## **ABOUT ARKANSAS TECH**

Founded in 1909, Arkansas Tech is a state supported comprehensive institution, maintaining regional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission and classification as a Southern regional Education Board level III institution. It has an enrollment of approximately 12,000 students. The Russellville campus is located between the Ozark and Ouachita Mountains in the scenic Arkansas River Valley and is just one hour from the capital city of Little Rock. It offers over 100 undergraduate and more than 25 graduate degree programs across four academic colleges and two campuses. Arkansas Tech University strives to provide a solid educational foundation for life-long learning in a diverse community.

The Department of Art at ATU offers dynamic degree programs in Fine Art, Graphic Design, Game and Interactive Media Design and Art Education. The art faculty is comprised of professional and award-winning artists, active scholars and passionate educators who offer their skills and guidance to prepare students for the arts professions. Our state-of-the-art facility in Norman Hall features a professional gallery, computer lab, lecture hall and fully equipped art studios for painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, and graphic design.

## **RESIDENCY DETAILS**

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

Residents must be artists with significant exhibition records, strong communication skills, sustained studio practice and a desire to engage with the larger campus community. This involvement may include guest lecturing classes, giving public talks, providing mentorship to students, participating in open studios and/or collaborating with faculty and students. The resident will also teach one course in 2D design, 3D Design, or Introduction to Drawing during the Spring academic semester. Artists are expected to commit as a full-time resident for the specific term of the residency, Spring academic term 2023.

**PROJECT:**

The resident artist will create a mural, or a wall mounted outdoor installation work to enhance the heating and cooling tower building outside Norman Hall art building on the ATU campus. Murals will be on marine plywood or other panels that will be installed on the exterior of the brick building. If 3D artists submit a proposal, they should consider they will mount their work by anchoring into the mortar between the bricks.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- \*Practicing visual artists with experience producing large-scale paintings.
- \*Proven record of consistent professional achievements and exhibitions.
- \*MFA or MA degree in Visual Arts

**RESIDENCY TERM:**

- \*Start Date: January 1, 2023 Housing will be available. The artist must arrive before the first day of the spring semester.
- \*End Date: May 30, 2023

**BUDGET:**

- \*Stipend: \$25,000 (minus fringes)
- \*Supplies: \$10,000
- \*Housing: a 2 bed two bath campus apartment will be provided. We apologize, but children cannot be accommodated.
- \*Studio space: a large climate controlled, dedicated studio space off-campus will be provided for painting
- \*Additional compensation will be awarded for teaching the one course in the Art Department
- \*Meals: No meals will be provided

**HOW TO APPLY****Submit a single PDF document that includes:**

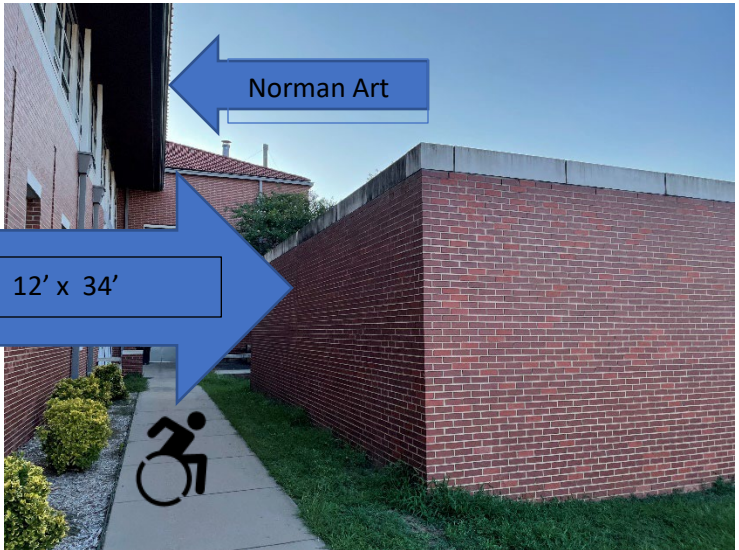
- \*A written description of the project proposal outlining the mural theme and creation process
- \*A drawing/diagram showing the proposed design
- \*A general budget for materials and costs
- \*Resume, including courses taught
- \*Artist statement relative to community outreach
- \*Ten images of your work
- \*Three references with contact information

The selection will be made based on the quality of the artwork, the project proposal and potential for working with the community.

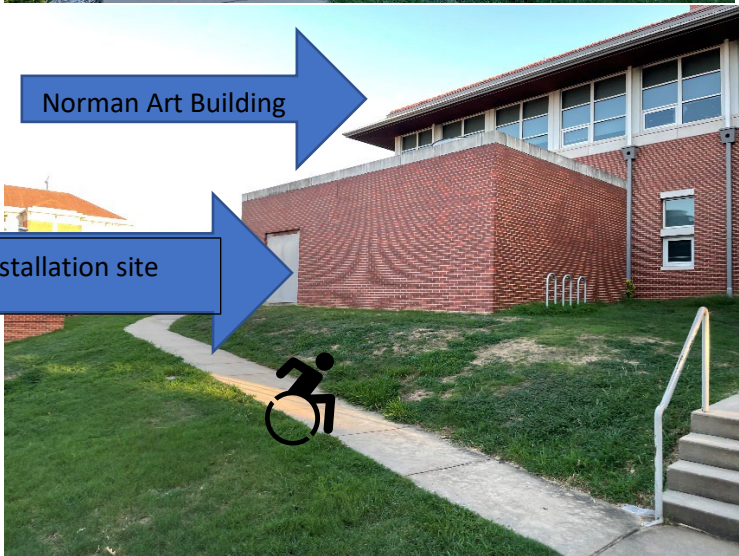
Applications or questions should be emailed to: Summer Bruch, [sbruch@atu.edu](mailto:sbruch@atu.edu) October 30, 2023.



This is the view from the door of Norman Hall building. The short walls are approximately 12ft. tall and 22ft. wide



The 2 long sides of the structure are approximately. 12ft high and 34ft wide. There is a accessible entrance that runs along the cooling building on three sides.



This is what students see everyday as they enter the building . The long wall is approximately 12ft. high and 34 ft. wide. The door is 5 ft. over and measures 6ft. wide and 7ft. tall. There is no sign from this side of the building that indicates the Norman Hall buildings name.

An aerial view can be seen by looking up Norman Hall, 203 West Q Street, Russellville, AR 72801 on Google Earth